

**NEWS RELEASE** 

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, February 4, 2021

**VACCINE NEWS** 

# **DON'T DELAY:**

## **REGISTER FOR YOUR SHOT TODAY**



#### **Vaccine Registration is Open Now**

A number of COVID-19 Vaccine Hubs and vaccination sites are available around The Woodlands and Montgomery County. The Woodlands Township has compiled this information for residents to use in making their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. The Woodlands Township is not a vaccine hub and is not administering vaccines to residents at this time. Please note, vaccine availability and eligibility is currently limited and demand is high. You may be placed on a waitlist until more vaccine supply is available. Your patience is appreciated. Learn more.



#### **Montgomery County Update**

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to remind you that a county-wide waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine is available.

People eligible for the vaccine, in Phase 1A or 1B, can sign

#### up here:

https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/2826db87c9124a0fa5f89ce121d7503c?portalUrl=https://MOCO.maps.arcgis.com. If you are 65 years of age or older and / or do not have internet access, you can join the vaccine wait list by calling 936-523-3918. Eligible people on the wait

list will be contacted to schedule an appointment when vaccines are available through participating providers.

Individual hospitals, physicians' offices and pharmacies may also have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website here: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx.



# Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital Designated as COVID-19 Vaccine Hub

The State of Texas has designated Houston Methodist as a COVID-19 Vaccine Hub. The goal is to vaccinate as many people as possible, only limited by supply of vaccine.

Learn more at <a href="https://www.houstonmethodist.org/coronavirus/coronavirus-resources/">https://www.houstonmethodist.org/coronavirus/coronavirus-resources/</a>.



# St. Luke's Health—The Woodlands Hospital Designated as COVID-19 Vaccine Hub

St. Luke's Health—The Woodlands Hospital is coordinating closely with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as a COVID-19

Vaccine Hub. Those interested in receiving the vaccine are asked to complete an <u>interest form online</u> to be placed on their waiting list for future vaccine allocations. Vaccine supply remains limited. St. Luke's will continue to expand their vaccination capacity as more vaccine supply is available.



COVID-19 Vaccines Are Here. Why Do We Need to Keep up Prevention Steps?

Chief State Epidemiologist Jennifer Shuford, MD discusses why we need to keep up our #HealthyTexas steps as vaccines arrive. Watch the video.



### **Vaccination Dashboard**

Stay informed about the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.

#### **COVID-19 Texas Vaccination Data Dashboard**

A dashboard is available through the Texas Department of State Health Services showing COVID-19 vaccination data in Texas. The charts below illustrate vaccines allocated, shipped and administered in the state of Texas, Montgomery County and Harris County, as of February 1, 2021. View the dashboard.

#### **CDC COVID Data Tracker**

CDC's home for COVID-19 data, the <u>COVID Data Tracker</u>, has a new homepage with updated tools and features. These improvements make it easier to find needed data to help protect yourself, your family and your community. Data sets are updated daily, and new features are added every week. Search for data by county.



#### **Get Your Flu Shot**

With both flu and COVID-19 circulating this season, getting a flu shot is more important than ever. <u>Learn more about what</u> you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit <a href="mailto:dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus">dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus</a> or <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</a>.

#### COVID-19 TESTING



#### **Curative Testing at the Township**

Testing takes place seven days a week at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, located at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, TX 77381, and Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382, with daily hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ups are welcome.

**NEW!** Curative's testing sites at Town Hall and Sterling Ridge Park and Ride have been extended through March 31, 2021. An additional testing location at Rob Fleming Aquatic Center (parking lot) will be opening as a walk-up/mobile testing site beginning February 24 through March 24, 2021.

For more information about COVID-19 testing by Curative, please visit the Township <u>website</u>, or <u>www.curative.com</u>.

Please note, the FDA recently issued a warning regarding <u>false test results</u> from Curative.

#### **County News**

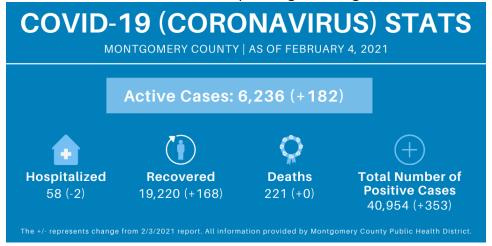
Today, Montgomery County can confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 353 to 40,954 since yesterday's (2/3) report. Of the 353 new cases, 236 were tested since 1/21/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 182 to 6,236 since yesterday's (2/3) report.
- 58 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 19,220 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 17%, for the second week in a row. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

\*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.



You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/">https://coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/</a>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <a href="https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/">https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/</a>.

Do you have general questions regarding COVID-19, COVID-19 testing or vaccines? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Harris County COVID-19 Case Count**

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, <a href="here">here</a>. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the <a href="map">map</a>.

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 3,458 confirmed positive cases with 481 active cases, and 77389 has 1,931 confirmed positive cases with 266 active cases.



#### **COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department**

All numbers since February 2, 2021

#### **Montgomery County**

40,954 – Confirmed +594 6,236 – Active +214 221 – Deaths +9 19,220 – Recovered +366 58 – Hospitalized -9

#### **Harris County**

163,380 - Confirmed +1823 22,799 - Active Cases -1622 1,210 - Deaths +15 139,353 - Recovered +3430

#### **Montgomery County Testing**

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#### **Harris County Testing**

Residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at <a href="https://hcphtx.org">hcphtx.org</a>. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

#### AROUND THE WOODLANDS

#### **Visit The Woodlands Recovery Plan**

In The Woodlands, hotels, restaurants, shopping and many of your favorite outdoor activities are opened with enhanced safety protocols. Travel and tourism is a huge economic generator for our community. It was important to gradually reopen with a strategic and phased Recovery Plan, which is available for you to read from the Visit The Woodlands website. We are looking



forward to safely welcoming you back. And in The Woodlands, our welcome is more than a gesture, it is a encouragement to protect your health while extending our heartfelt hospitality.

Learn more about The Woodlands Recovery Plan.

#### **Township Neighborhood Watch to Host Blood** Drive on Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Don't miss your chance to save lives by donating blood! Donors will be entered to win a free round-trip domestic airline flight Neighborhood Watch on Spirit Airlines. Schedule your appointment today.

The Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Tuesday, February 9, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Donor Coach** 6464 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389

Please note, appointments are preferred. The Blood Center requires that donors wear a mask or face covering when at a blood drive. In the case that you do not have one, staff will offer you one. The safety of donors and staff are important to us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### RESOURCES



#### View Hospital Use Through SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC)

SETRAC is a powerful coalition of providers, responders and other healthcare related partners united together to save lives and improve health outcomes through research, education and collaboration. You can find more information and view hospital use

related to COVID-19 on their website, setrac.org.

#### **Township's Coronavirus Page**

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownshiptx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

#### Stay Connected with The Woodlands Township

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed. Sign up directly for news and alerts from the Township at www.thewoodlandstownshiptx.gov/notifyme. Additional information can be found at www.thewoodlandstownshiptx.gov/emergency.

The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at <a href="https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme">www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme</a>. This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.